

US Airways Center 20th Anniversary Celebration

Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer Friday, February 3, 2012

Good Evening, everyone.

Twenty years.

Wow.

Time flies when you're having fun.

And, the US Airways Center has provided twenty years of fun for everyone -- and anyone -- fortunate enough to have enjoyed this great venue.

I was a Senator in the Arizona Legislature when the doors opened here for the first time – and it seems that there's been excitement inside this building ever since. Basketball -- football - hockey - soccer - professional wrestling - concerts, and much more.

You name it. This center has probably hosted it during its first 20 years.

We're marking Arizona's entrance into its Second Century next week, so the US Airways Center 20th Anniversary is a fitting celebration to begin those festivities.

You know, this state was founded by people with strength and vision and passion – by people who had a dream and never gave up on the fulfillment of that dream.

It was people like that who made this building possible.

I know that Jerry Colangelo is here tonight and I would like say – thank you Jerry – for your vision and role in making this venue a reality.

I would also like to thank our host and Arizona native Robert Sarver.

Robert -- your commitment to a vibrant downtown and the continued improvements to this arena are something that we can all be proud of.

As we pay tribute to this beautiful building we also say thank you to the City of Phoenix -- arena employees -- and countless others for giving Arizona a place where excitement – and fun – will entertain all who enter here, far into the next century.

Thank you.